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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON 03/01/2004

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Please extend the time for response to the office action mailed 03/01/2004 by an additional two months. As so extended the time for response will expire on August 1, 2004. Please debit the required fee for the extension of time to Deposit Account No. 502756.

AMENDMENT

Claims 1-40 are pending in the application. Claims 13-21 are allowed and Claims 8, 9 and 12 are objected to. Claims 1-7,10,11 and 22-40 are rejected.

Responsive to the Office Action please amend the claims in the subject patent application as indicated in the accompanying Marked-up Listing of the Amended Claims.